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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, BA, SA
SUBJECT: BAHRAIN ARMS REQUESTS

REF: STATE 026879

1. DCM TOLD FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDERSECRETARY MANSOURI ON
FEB. 28 THAT USG HAD NO OBJECTION TO SALE OF 2.75 INCH
ROCKETS TO BAHRAIN, BUT THAT WE WISHED TO SELL ROCKETS
DIRECTLY TO GOB AND NOT TO SAG FOR EVENTUAL RETRANSFER.

2. MANSOURI SAID SAG WOULD PREFER TO PURCHASE THE ROCKETS
THEMSELVES SINCE SAG IS FOOTING THE BILL. THIS WAY SAG
COULD HAVE THE BENEFIT OF SOME POLITICAL LEVERAGE OVER
GOB. MANSOURI THEN COMMENTED THAT HE SUPPOSED USG
HAD THE SAME PURPOSE IN MIND IN WANTING TO SELL THE
ROCKETS DIRECTLY TO THE GOB.

3. DCM REPLIED THAT USG MOTIVE WAS NOT TO EXERCISE
POLITICAL INFLUENCE OVER GOB, BUT RATHER TO AVOID ANY
UNNECESSARY FURTHER ADDITIONS TO THE TOTALS OF USG ARMS
SALES TO SAG. TO DO SO WOULD GIVE FURTHER AMMUNITION TO
SAG'S ADVERSARIES WHO WERE ALREADY ARGUING THAT OUR ARMS
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SALES TO SAG WERE TOO LARGE.
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